



**Minutes of October 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Mayor and Board of Selectmen
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen met for a Regular Meeting at Plaquemine City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwoman Chris P. Stassi

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Clerk's evidence of proper notice for the calling of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 58460 W. W. HARLEAUX STREET, OWNER G. MERCEDES WILLIAMS, C/O FRANK WILLIAMS.

Item tabled, no action taken.

DEMOLITION HEARING – 58412 ALLEN STREET, OWNER WILBERT MCCLAY, JR.

No action taken, item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

APPROVE A 2020 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE FOR WATD BURGER COOKOFF SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020 TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL, 23640 RAILROAD AVENUE.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2020 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference for WATD Burger Cookoff scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020 to be held at City Hall, 23640 Railroad Avenue.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE A 2020 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE FOR A BENEFIT FOR MARSHALL WILLIAMS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 TO BE HELD AT THE MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK, 57845 FOUNDRY STREET.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2020 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference for a benefit for Marshall Williams scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020 to be held at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, 57845 Foundry Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSION – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEW PLAQUEMINE COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Board of Selectmen addressed several areas of concern pertaining to the rules and regulations for the new Plaquemine Community Center.

UPDATE ON MAIN STREET BOARD AND RELATED MATTERS WITH CHAIRPERSON KEITH DESSELLE.

Chairman Keith Desselle provided an update of the Main Street Board.
ACKNOWLEDGE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

So acknowledged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR TRAVIS BOURGOYNE

Due to the absence of Utility Director Travis Bourgoyne, no report given.

c) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of ongoing projects.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

ADDENDUM – TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH AXIALL, LLC AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Axiall, LLC and other matters related thereto.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDAVOR AGREEMENT WITH AXIALL, LLC AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, believes it is in the best interest of the City to enter the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Axiall, LLC, thereby exchanging the City's white Dully Rescue Truck for Axiall, LLC's Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, recognize and acknowledge that the Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera will benefit and assist the Plaquemine Fire Department's ability to provide fire protection services to the City and surrounding areas within the Fire Department's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, recognize and acknowledge that the white Dully Rescue Truck will benefit and assist Axiall, LLC to provide the emergency service within its facility, which includes those persons who are citizens of the City and the surrounding areas within the Plaquemine Fire Department's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, has satisfied itself that the value of the white Dully Rescue Truck is equivalent to the value of the Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby adopt the above resolution on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

e) CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE

Chief of Police Kenneth Payne briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot provided monthly budget to actual financial update.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for September 2020.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020 (REGULAR MEETING) AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 (6:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND 6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectmen Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of August 11, 2020 (regular meeting) and September 8, 2020 (6:15 p.m. public hearing and 6:30 p.m. regular meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Russell L. Gerace that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Chris P. Stassi, Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., Mayor

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk